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HELP Committee votes on three NLRB nominees

Washington, DC – The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions voted today to approve three nominees for the National Labor Relations Board and send them to the full Senate for confirmation, a significant step toward establishing a full five-member board for the first time in nearly two years.

One nominee, Craig Becker, associate general counsel for the Service Employees International Union, was approved by a 15-8 vote. The other two nominees, Mark G. Pearce, an attorney who represents unions, and Republican committee staffer Brian E. Hayes, were approved in a unanimous voice vote. The vote was reported on in the [Daily Labor Report](#) and the [Associated Press](#).

If the three nominees are confirmed by the Senate, the Board would have a full complement of five members for the first time since December 16, 2007. The sitting members are Chairman Wilma B. Liebman and Member Peter C. Schaumber.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1935 to administer the [National Labor Relations Act](#), the primary law governing relations between unions and employers in the private sector. The statute guarantees the right of employees to organize and to bargain collectively with their employers, and to engage in other protected concerted activity with or without a union, or to refrain from all such activity.

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